

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Related Applications

[0001] The following application claims the benefit of related Provisional Application No. 60/402,011, filed Aug. 8, 2002.

2. Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention relates to a method for treating fluid spills on roadways, in shops, or on solid surfaces. In particular, the present invention relates to using a biodegradable absorbent material such as coconut coir to clean up fluid spills that occur on roadways as the result of automobile accidents and to clean up fluid spills of oils, solvents, or other fluids that occur in shops as well as in other situations.

3. State of the Art.

[0003] Hundreds of thousands of motor vehicle accidents occur on roadways in the United States each year. While these accidents range in severity from relatively minor to extremely serious, a large number result in the release of fluids from the motor vehicles involved. These fluids can be radiator fluid, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, brake fluid, transmission fluid, engine oil, gasoline or any

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